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FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9260
INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
AMCONSUL KARACHI
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN
AMEMBASSY DAKAR
AMEMBASSY LOME
AMEMBASSY COTONOU
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AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE
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AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

C O N F I D E N T I A L MONROVIA 3399

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF KOREAN VICE PRESIDENT KANG

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1. SOUTH KOREAN FIRST SECRETARY JUNG PYO HONG HAS
CONFIRMED BASIC INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL B THAT
VICE PRESIDENT KANG, WITH A DELEGATION OF 35 TOTAL,
(KANG, 14 ECONOMIC AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS FUNCTIONARIES
AND 20 AIR CREW) IS IN THE MIDST OF A MAJOR DIPLOMATIC
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FORAY. KANG HAS VISITED KARACHI, ADDIS ABABA AND
KHARTOUM (TECHNICAL STOP ONLY). HE IS PRESENTLY IN
DAKAR. THE TECHNICAL STOP IN KHARTOUM REPLACED A VISIT
TO NDJAMENA CANCELED DUE TO THE POLITICAL SITUATION.
THE NEXT STOP WILL BE KINSHASA ON THE 15TH.

2. BEFORE THE ZAIRE VISIT, THE NORTH KOREANS HOPE TO

STOP EITHER IN TOGO, BENIN OR NIGERIA, BUT THE SOUTH KOREANS HERE BELIEVE NOTHING AS YET IS FIRM. AFTER KINSHASA, HONG BELIEVES THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HOPE TO VISIT MONROVIA. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM ANY REQUEST FOR A MONROVIA STOPOVER.

3. ALTHOUGH THE WAY FOR THE KANG STOPOVER IN ZAIRE WAS PAVED BY ROVING NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR DJO, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT KANG WILL FOLLOW UP ON DJO'S VISITS TO GUINEA OR CAMEROONS, ACCORDING TO ROK FIRST SECRETARY HONG.

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